

**MEETING NOTES**  
**Technical Oversight Committee (TOC)**  
**South Florida Water Management District**  
**B-1 Auditorium**  
**3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2005**

Attendees:

TOC Representatives:

Garth Redfield, TOC Chair, SFWMD

Nick Aumen, NPS/ENP

Frank Nearhoof (FDEP)

Mike Waldon, USFWS

Paul J. DuBoway (COE)

John Barkett, Special Master

Note: Bill Walker, Brooks Moore, and Susan Sylvester attended this meeting via teleconference.

(10:15 a.m.)

Modifications to the agenda, Garth Redfield (TOC Chair), SFWMD.

No additions or modifications to the agenda were requested. **(Attachment A).**

Mark Masaus (FWS) requested by email a working group meeting associated with the TOC; he also requested that it be noticed in the FAW. The first working group meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2005. These requests will be accommodated under Items 5 and 8, respectively.

As a followup from the July TOC meeting Bob Haine, Information Technology Department, SFWMD, provided information on videoconferencing TOC meetings.

1. Approval of TOC Meeting Notes from July 12, 2005 Meeting, Garth Redfield, SFWMD.

Nick Aumen provided changes to the Notes, page 2, Action Item.

Paul DuBoway said to change the wording in the title from "Quarterly Meeting" to "Special Meeting".

Mike Waldon asked for a change to the third line of the first paragraph – "Florida Department ~~on~~of Environmental Protection ...".

The final meeting notes will be posted by Chair Redfield to the District's web page with the suggested changes.

Motion by Paul DuBowy and seconded by Nick Aumen to approve the Notes, as revised. Meeting Notes were approved. **(Attachment 1)**

10:28 a.m.

2. Presentation and Discussion of Settlement Agreement Report, Julianne LaRock and Pamela Lehr, SFWMD.

Juli LaRock presented the Settlement Agreement Report. **(Attachments 2A,B,C)**

10:35 a.m.

Discussion of Presentation:

The Miccosukee Tribe of Indians asked several questions on the data qualification and phosphorus levels for May and June. Chip Merriam said the report was posted by SFWMD yesterday and FDEP posted their report last Friday.

Frank Nearhoof reported that a draft report was sent out by FDEP on Friday afternoon and they are looking for public comment. Comments should be sent through the SFWMD. Chair Redfield said the SFWMD report is posted on the TOC website.

Most of the September 20, 2005 special TOC meeting agenda will be devoted to the May/June data.

Follow-Up/Action Items:

Comments on FDEP's report on Refuge data quality for May and June can be sent to the TOC Chair. They will be forwarded to appropriate agency staff and will be discussed at the next TOC meeting on September 20, 2005.

Chair Redfield will provide in an email message to all the TOC members on the procedure for DBHydro data changes and where to report errors for correction.

10:55 a.m.

3. Update on PIR for the North Palm Beach County CERP Project - Part 1, Michael Voich, SFWMD.

Mike Voich presented detailed information on this important CERP project that could help water quality in the Refuge by reducing inflows and allowing better management of the STAs. **(Attachment 3)**

11:37 a.m.

Discussion of Presentation:

Discussion included: 1) water storage and interim benefits of the reservoir; 2) tracking waters and proposed improvements; 3) places to send water from L-8; 4) road blocks

that could slow down the project; 5) staying in close communication to assist the project team; and, 6) the various sources of water being considered and the intent to capture all the water from the L-8 Basin.

The Refuge feels the project is very important and Mike Waldon asked District staff to contact them when needed to assist.

12:08 p.m.

4. Overview of Standard Operating Procedures for Inflow Sampling at Everglades National Park, by Peter Rawlik, SFWMD.

Pete Rawlik gave an overview on sampling procedures for Everglades National Park, stressing mandates and SOPs. **(Attachment 4)** Questions and answers concerning audits as needed were discussed by Pete Rawlik and Delia Ivanoff. On-site audits are done and routine project audits are done at least once a year.

Follow-Up/Action Item:

The District will provide the Tribe a copy of the auditing procedures as requested.

[Break for lunch at 12:15 p.m. – Reconvene at 1:20 p.m.]

5. \* Recent TP levels in the Refuge:  
Reports from the Working Groups, agency reps and open discussion of May and June TP levels in the Refuge.

Chair Redfield provided handouts **(Attachments 5A,B,C,D,E)** on May/June data. He requested e-mail comments to be sent to him and that a discussion of all the points on May/June data will be held at the next special TOC meeting on September 20, 2005. This will be the main agenda item for the next meeting.

Gene Duncan (Miccosukee Tribe) spoke on the load reduction requirement/overloading is tied into TP levels in the Refuge. He suggested this be an item on a future agenda.

Chair Redfield said this was not possible at the next meeting but would be possible at the next quarterly TOC meeting on November 10, 2005. The data will be posted on September 1 and at the next quarterly meeting there can be an agenda item on loading. Gene Duncan said the TOC needs to make a determination regarding the overloading.

Follow-Up:

Chair Redfield will expect comments on May/June data issues prior to the September 20 meeting as the meeting is more than 30 days away and that will allow plenty of time to submit the information.

Paul DuBoway said an update on STA-1E was scheduled to be on the agenda and the Chair indicated that it will be on the agenda for the September 20, 2005 TOC meeting.

6. \* Approval of letter on water management practices and water quality compliance in the Refuge as requested by the Principals:

The Draft of the proposed letter was revised slightly and signed by the TOC Representatives after discussion of several proposed grammatical, narrative and organizational changes. **(Attachments 6A,B)**

Follow-Up:

Chair Redfield will post the Letter to Principals dated August 16, 2005 to the website and Representatives should ensure that it is brought to the attention of their Principal.

8. General Public Comment.

Representatives of the Miccosukee Tribe requested more information and discussion of loading. This will be included in the next quarterly meeting on November 10, 2005.

9. TOC meeting dates:

Tues 9/20/05;  
Tues 10/18/05;  
Thur 11/10/05.

TOC Working Group meeting dates:

Thur 9/15/05;  
Mon 9/26/05.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.